

In the Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended). A genetically engineered ~~non-human animal~~ mouse whose genome lacks a CCR8 gene, wherein said mouse exhibits a defective Th2 response when challenged with an allergen.

Claims 13-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended). A genetically engineered ~~non-human animal~~ mouse embryo whose somatic and germ cells lack a CCR8 gene, wherein said embryo is capable of developing into a mouse that exhibits a defective Th2 response when challenged with an allergen.

Claim 16 (new). The mouse of claim 12, wherein said allergen is selected from the group consisting of *Schistosoma mansoni* eggs, cockroach allergen, and ovalbumin.

Claim 17 (new). The embryo of claim 15, wherein said allergen is selected from the group consisting of *Schistosoma mansoni* eggs, cockroach allergen, and ovalbumin.